

SENATE BILL 739

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d), is amended by deleting subdivisions (1), (3), and (5).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

The board shall adopt guidelines and criteria for the annual evaluation of all teachers and principals employed by LEAs, including a local level evaluation grievance procedure. The grievance procedure must provide a means for evaluated teachers and principals to challenge only the accuracy of the data used in the evaluation and the adherence to the evaluation policies adopted pursuant to this subdivision (d)(2). The evaluations are a factor in employment decisions, including, but not limited to, promotion, retention, termination, compensation, and the attainment of tenure status; however, nothing in this subdivision (d)(2)(A) requires an LEA to use student achievement data based on state assessments as the sole factor in employment decisions.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2)(B)(iii), is amended by deleting "developed by the teacher evaluation advisory committee and".

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.